

EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM (J-1 VISA) Summer Work & Travel



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EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

The purpose is to foster mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational and cultural exchanges.



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After exchanges, visitors return to their home country to share their exchange experiences with people in their home country.



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Two key programs:

- 1. Academic and Government Programs Division:** Government Visitor, International Visitor, Professor and Research Scholar, Short-Term Scholar, Specialist, Student, and College/University
- 2. Private Sector Programs Division:** Alien Physician, Au Pair and EduCare, Camp Counselor, Intern, Student/Secondary School, Summer Work/Travel, Teacher, Trainee and Flight Training.

How can I participate in the Exchange Program?

You need to be sponsored by one of the State Department's designated sponsors authorized to conduct exchange visitor programs in the United States.



**The list of the designated sponsors is on website at:
<http://eca.state.gov/jexchanges/index.cfm>**

Summer Work & Travel

*** 56 ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED.**

*** The Top Ten Top Countries of SWT Participants:** Russia, Brazil, Turkey, Ukraine, THAILAND, Ireland, Bulgaria, Peru, Moldova, Poland.

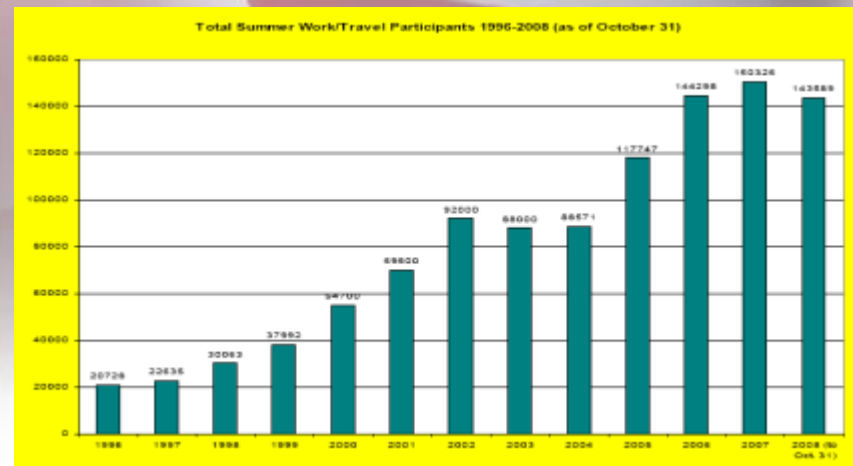
*** The total number of Exchange Visitors** who entered the United States to participate in the Summer Work Travel program from 1996 – October 2008.

*** Number of SWT:**

2006 is 144,298

2007 is 150,326

2008 is 151,756



SWT Program Purpose

To provide bona fide foreign post-secondary students an opportunity to become directly involved in the daily life of the people of the United States through travel and temporary work for a period up to four months during their summer vacation.



Student Expectations

- Learn and share new cultures with other students
- Opportunity to practice English language, both listening and speaking skills in real situations
- Opportunity for students to develop the ability to live on their own
- Opportunity to travel around the U.S.



SWT Program Period

- * Not exceed 4 months
- * Thai Summer(early March - early July)

Program participants will not be admitted to the U.S.A. until a date 30 days or less prior to the beginning of your program start date (is stated on the DS-2019).

30-day Grace Period

Provides all J-1 program participants a 30-day travel status period following the completion of their program. This period is NOT included in the program dates entered on the Form DS-2019.



Qualification Requirement

- * Full-time student status in a bachelor's or master's degree program
- * Recommend minimum GPA 2.00
- * English proficiency
- * Good attitude in working with others
- * Flexibility in working and living with others
- * Students will work in non-skilled service positions



Theme Parks



Fast food & Restaurants



Hotels & Resorts



Convenience Stores



Sponsor Responsibility

Must ensure that participants entering the United States have sufficient financial resources to support themselves.



Must provide participants with employment and secure lodging in the United States before they depart their home countries.



Important Awareness

Sponsors are to ensure that participants receive the same pay and benefits as received by their American counterparts in the same or similar positions.

Program regulations permit participants to repeat the program more than once. However, sponsors are required to limit the number of repeating participants to no more than 10 percent of the number of their previous year's participants.

Department regulations prohibit the placement of program participants as domestic help in U.S. households or in positions requiring them to invest their own money for inventory, such as door-to-door sales.

Inquiries and Concerns



- ✚ Local recruiters oversold the program
- ✚ Economic conditions may have meant that jobs were hard to come by and the jobs available might not have been as nice or as lucrative as anticipated.
- ✚ Participants placed in unsafe neighborhood
- ✚ Sponsors not reacting in a timely manner to the complaints or difficulties
- ✚ Sponsors not answering their phone calls
- ✚ Paid for direct placement and have no job and running out of money
- ✚ Work hours reduced significantly
- ✚ Paying more than what was quoted for housing.
- ✚ Adequate housing not provided
- ✚ Overcrowded housing
- ✚ Transportation Costly or not provided
- ✚ Contract not clear
- ✚ Employer pays sponsor and sponsor takes out a portion of that money before paying participant.



Information you should have before you leave...

- 1. The name and location of the employer.**
- 2. Any contractual obligations related to acceptance of paid employment in the United States. (This should include such information as the dates of employment, the number of hours of work weekly, over time requirement/pay, hourly salary, work hours, whether housing is included by the employer, and at what cost, etc.)**



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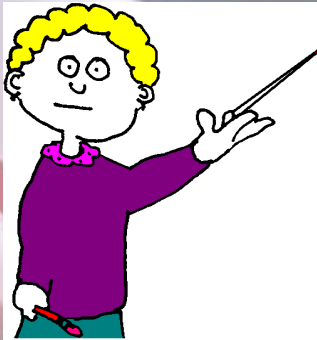
Also, you should receive the following information before departure:

- 1. The purpose of the Exchange Visitor Program**
- 2. Home-country physical presence requirement**
- 3. Travel and entry into the United States**
- 4. Housing**
- 5. Fees payable to the sponsor**
- 6. Other costs that the exchange visitor will likely incur (e.g., living expenses) while in the United States**
- 7. Health Care and insurance**
- 8. Other information that will assist exchange visitors to prepare for their stay in the United States**

Handling Problems As They Emerge



Your first point of contact should be the U.S. sponsor for any problems your encounter.



All U.S. sponsors should have 24-hour toll-free hotlines available to address concerns from participants or their families.

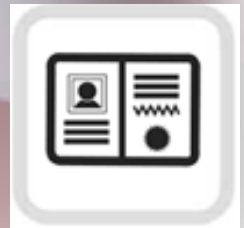




Role of Consular Section

To screen applicants to explain in some detail their plans for the program, and then assessing whether or not those plans seem realistic given both the job in question and the applicant's economic situation at home.

English language ability also can help determine whether or not an applicant is qualified for the J-1 SWT visa.

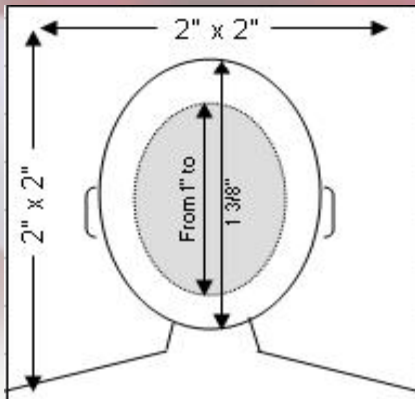


Period of Time for Summer Work & Travel Program



Procedures for Applying Exchange Visitor Program (J-1) Visa

- 1** Buy PIN for schedule your appointment and pay the visa fee 4,454 Baht at Post Office with “Pay at Post”
- 2** Purchase Courier Envelope at MaePing Post Office
- 3** Complete the application forms (DS-156, DS-157, and DS-158) with a photo of 2 x 2 inches (white background) glued in the designated box on the DS-156 form.



On the day of your appointment,
please arrive at the Consulate
no later than 30 minutes
before your interview.

What to Bring When Applying for a Visa

1. Application Forms (DS-156, DS-157, and DS-158)
2. Passport with 6 months valid beyond the visa application date.
3. DS-2019 Form* (issued by the program or school in the U.S.)
4. Receipt of SEVIS fee * and Receipt of Visa fee.
5. Evidence of Prior Education
6. Evidence to show ties to Thailand
 - Family ties
 - Economic ties
 - Social ties



What the Form DS-2019??

U.S. Department of State					DS-160 APPROVAL/1-609-3199		
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR(J-1) STATUS					EXPIRES: 02-28-2003 ESTIMATED DURATION: 45 min Page 2		
1. Family Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		Gender: FEMALE	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		City of Birth:		Country of Birth: KOREA, SOUTH		Citizenship/Country Code: KS Citizenship Country: KOREA, SOUTH	
Legal Permanent Resident Country Code: RS		Legal Permanent Resident Country: KOREA, SOUTH		Residence Code: 213		Residence: UNIVERSITY TEACHING STAFF INCLUDING RESEARCHERS	
U.S. Address: Office of International Programs 3701 Chestnut Street, Suite 1W Philadelphia, PA 19104-3199				Exchange Visitor Program Number: P-1-00189 : ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS;			
2. Program Sponsor: University of Pennsylvania Participating Program Office Branch: PROFESSOR; RESEARCH STUDENT DOCTORATE; S				Purpose of this form: Continue Program Participation.			
3. Date Cover Period: From (mm/dd/yyyy): 06-04-2003 To (mm/dd/yyyy): 09-03-2003		4. Exchange Visitor Category: RESEARCH SCHOLAR Subject/STEM Code: 51.1401 Subject/STEM Code Description: Medical Scientist (MD, PhD)					
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated maximum support (U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Country Program Sponsor: None : 212,426.00 Total : 212,426.00							
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: NO USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER. PLEASE INDICATE IF COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE).				7. James Fine		Alternate Responsible Officer: Title: _____ Address: _____ Telephone Number: 215-898-4661 Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 06-03-2003	
8. Statement of Responsible Officer: By following signature (to be signed by the Responsible Officer) of the program specified in item 2, I certify that the exchange visitor is not in violation of the Mutual Entry and Exit of Exchange Visitor Act of 1980, as amended.							
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____				Date (mm/dd/yyyy) of Signature: _____			
9. PRIMARY UNDERSIGNMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 216(b) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PUBLIC LAW 104-201 (Section 101 of page 2). The Exchange Visitor is on home program:				TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is one year): *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to six months for Short-term Exchange Visitor in the Camp Center and American Travel Bank. (The Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the time of travel.)			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the home program requirement.				2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to the home program requirement based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government funding source B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Bill of Lading C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-484 is amended			
Signature of Consular Officer: _____				Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____			
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____				Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____			
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement on page 1 of page 2 of this document.							
Signature of Applicant: _____				Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____			

- It is the “Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status”.
- It is a controlled document which only State Department-designated sponsors are authorized to issue to foreign nationals (prospective exchange visitors).

What is SEVIS??

Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is an Internet-based system that provides tracking and monitoring functionality, with access to current information on non-immigrant students (F and M visa) and exchange visitors (J visa).

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services		I-797C, Notice of Action	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			
RECEIPT NUMBER CCY 0000000000001		CASE TYPE I-901 - Application	
RECEIVED DATE SEP 1, 2004	PRIORITY DATE	APPLICANT ZHANG SHENGLI	SEVIS ID: N0051664668
NOTICE DATE November 04, 2004	PAGE 1 of 1	ASC CODE N/A	
ZHANG SHENGLI ROOM401, BUILDING NO.1, HAIDIAN DISTRICT BEIJING 100083 CHINA			NOTICE TYPE: Receipt Notice Amount Received: \$100.00
ZHANG SHENGLI			
Your I-901 fee transmittal form has been received. Please notify us immediately if any of the above information is incorrect.			
This fee payment is valid only for your particular course of study or program. If you fall out of status, apply for a new F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3 or J-1 non-immigrant visa, or if you want to change your non-immigrant category to an F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3 or J-1, you may be required to pay another fee.			
Bring this receipt to the consulate as proof of payment of the SEVIS fee.			
Applicant Status: J-1		Receipt Copy: 01	
Date of Birth: 01/01/1970		Amount Received: \$100.00	
Program Number: P-1-00001			
SAMPLE			
I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee P.O. Box 970020 St. Louis, MO 63197-0020 Customer Service Telephone: 785-330-1048 This form issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement			

Form I-797C (Rev. 11/28/03) N

SEVIS Fee

The fee for SWT Program is \$35 and valid for 1 year from the payment date.

Payment Method

1. Credit cards at the website: <http://www.fmjfee.com>
2. Western Union Bank (plus an additional charge)
3. Pay by third person e.g. school or agency
4. Group Payment of Bulk Payment
5. Bank Draft or International Money Order

Please pay the fee at least 3 days prior to the date of the visa interview.

VISA

Issuing Post Name
AMRUSTA

Surname
SIMMER

Given Name
EMRUK

Passport Number
1816767374

Sex
M

DOB
01MAY2007

Country of Birth
TR

Place of Birth
TR

Valid Until
31

Valid From
01JAN2007

Machine Readable Zone (MRZ)
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VISA		United States Of America	
PHOTO	Issuing Post Name CHIANG MAI	Control Number 20051124580001	
	Surname NAMSAKUL		
	Given Name CHUEJING	Visa Type/Class R B1/B2	
	Passport Number X223456	Birth Date 01JAN1999	Nationality THAI
	Entries M	Issue Date 31DEC2005	Expiration Date 30DEC2015
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VNUSANAMSAKUL<<CHUEJING<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<< X223456<<1THA5324545F2509119B3CHN005AK758456			

Is your name spelled correctly?
ชื่อของท่านสะกดถูกต้องหรือไม่?

Is this your correct Date of Birth?
วันเดือนปีเกิดของท่านถูกต้องหรือไม่?

Is this your correct Passport number?
หมายเลขหนังสือเดินทางของท่านถูกต้องหรือไม่?

Is this your correct nationality?
สัญชาติของท่านถูกต้องหรือไม่?

Is this your correct gender?
ตรวจสอบดูว่าเพศของท่านถูกต้องหรือไม่?

Useful Websites

<http://chiangmai.usconsulate.gov/visas.html>

<http://thai.bangkok.usembassy.gov/visas.html>

<http://bangkok.usembassy.gov/education.html>

<http://thailand.us-visaservices.com>

<http://evisaforms.state.gov>

www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm

www.fmjfee.com

www.exchanges.state.gov

www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html



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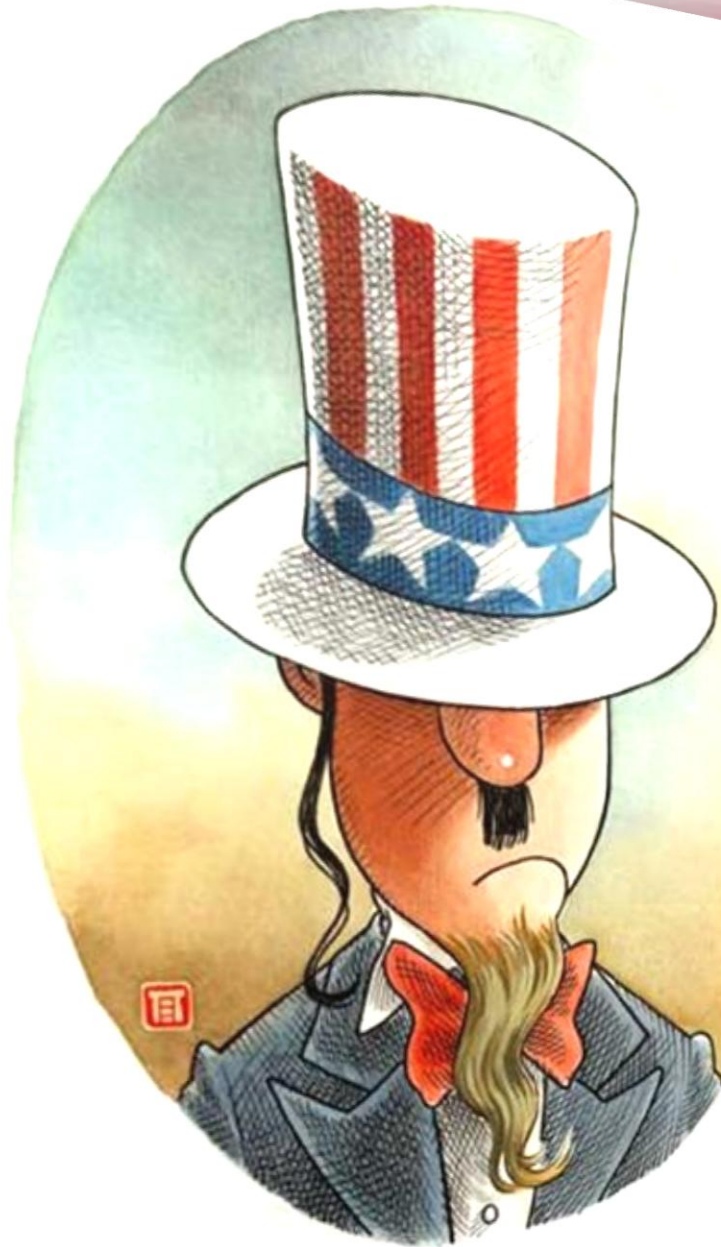
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